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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated February 25, 2003, Applicants submit that elected species of record are embraced by the genus of claims 1 and 35. Specifically, the compound species contained in Figure 1 is one embodiment of the compound provided in step (a) of the method of claim 1, as described at least on page 12 of the application as originally filed. The compound species of Figure 1 is also recited in claim 50, wherein R1 is defined as an electron withdrawing substituent. As disclosed in the instant application, the "Handle" of Figure 1 and claim 50 refers to a single bond directly attaching the reporter/analyte groups to the linker, or a covalent linkage.

Respectfully submitted,

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